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 - A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
 - A Request for Extension of Time.
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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of December 29, 2003, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made therein are respectfully requested, in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Inasmuch as the Official Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period which expires March 29, 2004, this Amendment is being timely filed and no extension of time is believed necessary. However, if an extension is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be necessary, the same is hereby requested and the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees in connection therewith or any fees necessary to preserve the pendency of this application to deposit account No. 19-0089.